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KENYA

HIV/AIDS PREVENTION

USAID works with the Government of Kenya to support comprehensive prevention activities informed by rigorous analysis of Kenya's HIV/AIDS epidemic. This includes effective case finding through testing to identify people and groups at highest risk of HIV acquisition and to link HIV-positive clients to antiretroviral therapy services. Those who test negative are provided evidence-based, efficient prevention services. The United States, through the generosity of the American people, has donated HIV medicines and medical supplies to Kenyans for decades, including the commodities needed for HIV testing.

HIV prevention activities include targeted HIV testing and counseling, voluntary medical male circumcision for traditionally non-circumcising communities, and linkage to treatment and care. In addition, USAID supports HIV prevention and treatment services among orphans and vulnerable children and other priority populations. Our Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) initiative empowers vulnerable adolescent girls and young women with the knowledge and skills they need to make healthy choices and remain HIV-free. Pre-exposure prophylaxis is also an integral part of the existing prevention package.

VOLUNTARY MEDICAL MALE CIRCUMCISION

Given the observed benefits of male circumcision in preventing HIV, Kenya endorsed male circumcision in 2008 as a viable method of HIV risk reduction. USAID supports service provision; linkages and referrals to appropriate services; a coordinated approach to ensure safety and to prevent infections; and the integration of services into routine health services for sustainability. Voluntary medical male circumcision in Kenya is provided to males aged 15 years and above, based on evidence that conventional surgical circumcision among younger boys is associated with a higher risk.

PRIORITY POPULATIONS

USAID supports interventions such as peer-mediated condom promotion; client-centered counseling and building skills for safer sex; screening for sexually transmitted infections and syndromic treatment among sex workers; harm reduction in the context of alcohol and drugs; and drop-in centers for men who have sex with men. Violence prevention and response services are supported through paralegal psychosocial support, including linkage to medical and legal services.

PREVENTION FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS AND YOUNG WOMEN

The 26 percent contribution of new HIV infections among females aged 15-24 years poses a threat to Kenya's most valuable future resource, the young people. USAID delivers a multi-sectoral, comprehensive package of evidence-based layered interventions that address the individual, community, behavioral, biomedical, and structural factors that increase girls' HIV risk, gender inequality, and gender-based violence.

ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Several programs work towards stabilizing and building the resilience of vulnerable households to provide for the needs of their children, linking families to essential services that include health, nutrition, psychosocial care, educational support, and household economic strengthening. In addition, USAID is supporting the training of the government and civil society to ensure a community systems-based approach to improve the welfare and protection of children. All USAID partners support local institutions and networks to identify children's' needs, provide and refer for services, monitor and report the status of these children, and advocate for their interests through effective data-driven case management approaches.

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